

What is Claimed Is:

- 5 1. A method of derivatizing amino acids or peptides, which method comprises reacting an amino acid or peptide with 2-chlorobenzoxazole.
2. A method of detecting amino acids and peptides, which method comprises reacting an amino acid or peptide with 2-chlorobenzoxazole and detecting the resultant derivative by UV or fluorescence methods.
- 10 3. N-(2-benzoxazolyl) amino acids.